

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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CIRCULATION OF CURRENCY NOTES AND COINS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the currency-notes and coins of various denominations which are in circulation in the country;
- (b) whether the Government keep a watch on the position of such notes and coins;
- (c) if so, the currency notes and coins which are in shortage; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand of these notes and coins?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil)

- (a): At present, currency notes of the denominations 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 & 500 and coins of the denominations paise 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, Re.1, Rs.2 and Rs.5 are in circulation.
- (b): Yes, Sir.
- (c): At present, there is no shortage of currency notes of any denomination. However, some shortage vis-à-vis the demand for coins of Re.1, Rs.2 and Rs.5 is being felt.
- (d): In view of the inadequacy of the minting capacity of Government mints vis-a-vis the demand for Re.1, Rs.2 and Rs.5 coins, the Government of India have resorted to import of these coins to bridge the demand-supply gap.